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1. REFTEL (B) MR. CORCUS CAME TO MALAYSIA TO CHECK LOCAL REP'S ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS, TO REVIEW STATISTICS, TO PREPARE BUDGET ESTIMATES AND TO SMOOTH OUT DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN LOCAL AIRLINE OFFICES AND ICEM BANGKOK. IN TALKS WITH REFUGEE AFFAIRS PERSONNEL, HE ASKED MANY MORE QUESTIONS THAN HE SEEMED WILLING OR PREPARED TO ANSWER. WHEN ASKED ABOUT DOMESTIC FARE REDUCTIONS PE STATE 176203, MR. CORCUS WAS APPARENTLY UNAWARE OF ANY. LOCAL REP, UPON CHECKING, SAID DELTA, BRANNIFF, CONTIENTAL AND EASTERN FLIGHTS AVAILABLE TO REFUGEES, AT 40 PERCENT REDUCTION, BUT ON STAND-BY BASIS.

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COMMENT: CONSIDERING DIFFICULTIES OF MOVING REFUGEES AS THEY STAND NOW, STAND-BY FARE IS OF LITTLE HELP. END COMMENT.

2. AGAIN REF (B), WHEN QUERIED AS TO TWA TRANS-ATLANTIC OPTION, MR. CORCUS SAID TWA TRANS-ATLANTIC FARE, AS FILED, IS US\$20.00 PER PASSENGER HIGHER THAN NWA AND PAA TRANS-PACIFIC RATES FOR REFUGEES. LOCAL ICEM REP LATER REVISED FIGURE UPWARDS TO

\$50 OVER TRANS-PACIFIC FARE. COMMENT: GIVEN LESSONS LEARNED NWA STRIKE, I.E. NEED FOR OPTIONS TO U.S. FLAG TRANS-PACIFIC CARRIERS IN TIME S OF LABOR DISPUTES OR EXTREMELY HEAVY VOLUME, IT IS FELT DEPARTMENT MIGHT PRESS FOR LOW TWA FARE, ASSURING IN RETURN CERTAIN VOLUME REFUGEE TRADE.

3. ICEM AMERICAN PROGRAM REP SEEMED IMPRESSED BY REASONING BEHIND POST'S INSISTENCE THAT REFUGEES BE MOVED FROM MALAYSIA, ONCE APPROVED, SPONSORED, AND FUNDED, WITHOUT DELAY. HE ALSO AGREED WITH NEED TO PREPARE FOREIGN FLAG AND TWA OPTIONS IN LIGHT OF NWA STRIKE AND ONCE THREATENED OF PAA WALOUT, BUT OFFERED NOTHING MORE PER RECOMMENDATION REF (D).

4. GENERAL UNDERTAINTLY OF TRANSPORT SITUATION COULD BE RESOLVED BY NORTHWEST'S RESUMPTION OF SERVICE, REF (C). NWA HONG KONG OFFICE TOLD EMBOFF ON AFTERNOON OF 11 AUGUST OF STRONG LIKELIHOOD OF PILOTS BEING BACK TO WORK IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. BECAUSE OF STRIKE, NORTHWEST IS ANXIOUS FOR BOOKINGS EARLY UPON RESUMPTION OF SERVICE. HONG KONG OFFICE INFORMED US THAT A THOUSAND SEATS IN SEPTEMBER EX HONG KONG, FOR REFUGEES OUTBOUND FROM KUALA LUMPUR, COULD BE BLOCKED UPON REQUEST. ALONG WITH KUALA LUMPUR, BANGKOK, MANILA AND HONG KONG WOULD BE OBVIOUS BENEFICIARIES OF NWA RESUMPTION OF SERVICES, GIVEN APPARENT AVAILABILITY OF SEATS FOR REFUGEES.
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